

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 17, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Gracious God, we pause briefly in this day's routine to offer a prayer of thanks for the numerous material and spiritual blessings which You give to us. We are grateful that we live in this country and in this commonwealth which guarantee our many freedoms. On Monday, we will observe the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an ordained clergyman, pastor and a dedicated civil rights and religious leader. We are grateful to him for his religious concern and commitment to the recognition of the personal dignity and the God-given rights of all individuals. May we, as a nation, continue to implement his cause and goals by respecting the importance of each person in our land from the most senior adult to the smallest child.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Robert
Anthony
Butler III.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Barrows of Mansfield and Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Robert Anthony Butler III on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Attleboro,
Bishop Feehan
High School.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough and Lepper of Attleboro) on the occasion of the observance of National Catholic Schools Week by Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro;

Attleboro,
St. John the
Evangelist
School.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough and Lepper of Attleboro) on the occasion of the observance of National Catholic Schools Week by St. John the Evangelist School in Attleboro;

Mansfield,
St. Mary's
School.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Barrows of Mansfield and Kafka of Stoughton) on the occasion of the observance of National Catholic Schools Week by St. Mary's School in Mansfield;

North
Attleborough,
St. Mary's/
Sacred Heart
School.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) on the occasion of the observance of National Catholic Schools Week by St. Mary's/Sacred Heart School in North Attleborough;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Fagan of Taunton, Haddad of Somerset and Canessa of New Bedford) on the occasion of the observance of National Catholic Schools Week by Coyle Cassidy High School in Taunton;

Taunton,
Coyle Cassidy
High School.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Fagan of Taunton, Haddad of Somerset and Canessa of New Bedford) on the occasion of the observance of National Catholic Schools Week by Our Lady of Lourdes School in Taunton;

Taunton,
Our Lady of
Lourdes
School.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Fagan of Taunton, Haddad of Somerset and Canessa of New Bedford) on the occasion of the observance of National Catholic Schools Week by St. Mary's School in Taunton; and

Taunton,
St. Mary's
School.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Fagan of Taunton, Haddad of Somerset and Canessa of New Bedford) on the occasion of the observance of National Catholic Schools Week by Taunton Catholic Middle School in Taunton;

Taunton,
Catholic
Middle
School.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill regulating public entities licensed by the department of telecommunications and energy (Senate, No. 2469) (on Senate bill No. 1980), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Telecommu-
nications
and
Energy.

A report of the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Bill to provide for an income tax credit for taxpayers with family members requiring care in their homes (Senate, No. 79), and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue,—accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Caregivers,
tax credit.

A petition of Harriette L. Chandler, Daniel E. Bosley, Edward M. Augustus, Jr., Stanley C. Rosenberg and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth to certain evidences of indebtedness issued to regional transit authorities, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Regional
transit
authorities.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2470) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Reports of Committees.

Brian
Leonard,
sick leave.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the joint petition of Paul C. Casey and Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Brian Leonard, an employee of the Department of Revenue. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Burlington,
validate
acts.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the actions taken at the September 24, 2007 town meeting held by the town of Burlington (printed in House, No. 4487). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Burlington, the bill was read a second and (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by said committee to read: "An Act validating the actions taken at the town meeting held by the town of Burlington.". Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Third
reading
bill.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for John Sullivan, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2395), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Plymouth,
Dexter
Olsson.

The Senate Bill relative to a certain motor vehicle registration plate (printed as House, No. 221) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth moved to amend it by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: "Dexter Olsson may transfer said plate to one of his direct descendants by will."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (printed as House, No. 221, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered. That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At nineteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.